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Thursday  
October 18, 2007

Forecast

High 50F  
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Burlesque  
empire begins  
in Missoula

Sports  
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On Campus  
Today

- International Brown Bag Series  
Presenter David Schuldberg, Old Journalism Building 303, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m., free
- Institutional Biosafety Committee Meeting  
Davidson Honors College 006 3 - 5 p.m., open to public
- Volleyball: UM vs. Northern Arizona, West Auxiliary Gym 7 p.m.  
— UM News and Events Calendar

Around the  
World

**Egypt:**  
Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice won public support Tuesday for a Mideast peace conference from a skeptical Egypt, boosting her bid to secure critical Arab backing for pushing Israel and the Palestinians to resume formal negotiations to end their conflict.

**Washington:**  
The Pentagon is preparing to alert eight National Guard units that they should be ready to go to Iraq or Afghanistan beginning late next summer.

**Washington:**  
A State Department review of private security guards for diplomats in Iraq is unlikely to recommend firing Blackwater USA over the deaths of 17 Iraqis last month, but the company probably is on the way out of that job, U.S. officials said Wednesday.  
— Associated Press

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Michael Reagan surprises ASUM at meeting

Mark Page  
MONTANA KAIMIN

Michael Reagan, the adopted son of former President Ronald Reagan, made a surprise appearance before the ASUM Senate

meeting Wednesday evening. He was in town to speak at a Montana Family Foundation fundraiser Wednesday night. Reagan's comments were kept brief because he had to hurry to attend the fundraiser. He spoke

about the lack of student participation in the political process. "I feel like Ollie North in front of a senate hearing," Reagan said as he sat down in front of the ASUM senate. He went on to talk about his

childhood working in Yellowstone National Park before fielding questions from Senators. Reagan then explained why students should

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Price of the Pill



UM students, Ingrid Rasmussen, left, Suzi Kromer, Stacy Gray, Andrew Miller, and Becky Carpenter took part in the protest in front of Curry Health Center Wednesday morning.

Hugh Carey/Montana Kaimin

Students protest birth control costs

Katie Michel  
MONTANA KAIMIN

Increases in birth control costs at both Curry Health Center and Planned Parenthood have students petitioning for a change in the federal law that's more than doubling the price of many types of hormonal birth control. "This really affects students on campus, considering we don't have a lot of disposable income," said Becky Carpenter, a member of UM Students for Choice, a stu-

dent-affiliated abortion rights group. "The underlying issue has to do with a woman's rights to sexual activity," said Students for Choice member Andrew Miller. The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, created to cut funding in mandatory spending programs inadvertently stopped allowing pharmaceutical distributors from discounting birth control prices, said Sapphire Diamant-Rink, president of UM Students for Choice. This affects college and

university pharmacies and family planning providers like Planned Parenthood. "Right now in Missoula, women are watching their birth control skyrocket," said Diamant-Rink. "The U.S. Congress has the power to fix this problem. We need their support now." Among the types of birth control affected are Cyclessa and Ortho Tri-Cyclen, which will both increase in cost from \$20 per month to \$50 per month. "This price increase is going to

cause women to make difficult choices with their money," Diamant-Rink said. "All that has to be done is changing the language of the law." Students for Choice collected nearly 700 signatures this week and will deliver them to the offices of Montana Sens. Max Baucus and Jon Tester today. Sliding-scale patients, those receiving reduced birth control based on their ability to pay, will

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Access to some areas of campus still inadequate

Mike Gerrity  
MONTANA KAIMIN

Despite the installation of a wheelchair ramp to the University of Montana's International House, getting to the building is still troublesome for disabled students, according to the Alliance for Disability and Students at the University of Montana. There is also no disabled access to the Native American Studies

Department and the Counseling Center on Eddy Avenue. Under Montana law, public events cannot be held at a location that does not have disabled access. Every year, an e-mail is sent to all University staff by President George Dennison reminding them of the law regarding accessibility, said Jon Pielat, ADSUM administrative head. Pielat said that the recent installation of a wheelchair ramp and

bathroom facilities in the International House now allows disabled students access to international programs that they were unable to reach until last Friday. "There was absolutely no way for a wheelchair to get into the I-House," Pielat said. "All students can now be involved with the international program." Getting to the building from campus, however, is still a nuisance due to the severe crumbling condi-

tion of the south-side sidewalk. "It's really messy," Pielat said. "There's no accessible method of travel from campus to the I-House." Pielat says that now, wheelchair users have to go around an extra block just to get to the building. Effie Koehn, director of foreign students and scholar services, says that efforts are being made to repair the sidewalk.

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EDITORIAL

Al Gore could save the world  
but not by running for president

With his Oscar in one hand and his Nobel Peace Prize in the other, now may be the best time for Al Gore to run for president of the United States.

His eight years as vice president and 16 years in Congress make him more qualified for the office – at least on paper – than the other Democratic candidates, with the exception of New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, a former congressman, ambassador to the U.N. and energy secretary.

Gore has been out of office for nearly seven years, but he has not stayed out of the spotlight for most of that time, maintaining the ever-important name recognition.

People may say they don't want him to run. A USA Today/Gallup Poll conducted this weekend, after the Nobel Prize announcement, found that 54 percent of Americans oppose a Gore candidacy and only 41 percent want him run. But Hillary Rodham Clinton, the current Democratic frontrunner, has had similar approval numbers this year, with an April 2007 Gallup poll finding that 52 percent of Americans viewed her unfavorably. The numbers may not be directly comparable – there are surely some Democrats who like Gore but don't want him to run and there are undoubtedly Republicans who dislike him and want him to run because they think he'll lose again – but they show viable candidates don't have to be liked by everyone.

There's only one major problem with a possible Gore candidacy: It's lacking a key supporter that he can't win without. Himself.

On Tuesday, Gore reiterated to Norwegian broadcaster NRK his intent to stay out of the presidential race and politics in general.

Good for him.

At this point, the best thing Gore can do is stay away from partisan politics and focus on doing more to fight the climate change problem that he has done so much to publicize.

Assuming this decision is final, Gore has made a wise choice to put himself above politics.

If he is truly concerned about the state of the world – as any Nobel Peace Prize winner should be – he will do what is best for the effort to address global climate change.

In a sense, the Nobel Prize has elevated Gore to a level that politicians – especially American ones – rarely inhabit while they're still alive.

The nearly seven years since Gore left the vice presidency may have been enough to erase some of the memory of the bitter partisan fighting over the outcome of the 2000 election, but with the way that turned out, Gore would be completely justified in turning into an angry green giant, à la Incredible Hulk, every time he sees George W. Bush. (Which might explain his environmentalism.)

With a Nobel Peace Prize, Gore's quest to save the world has been validated even further and he should be able to move on from what happened seven years ago in Florida.

Gore's passion is for the environment, and that's what he should spend his time fixing.

There are plenty of presidential candidates who could run a country just fine, but only Al Gore can save the world.



Karl Krempel  
News Editor

Trapping should be scrapped

There are a lot of factual errors in Joseph Gill's letter: First of all, Jen Nitz has stated correctly that trappers are not required to check their traps at "any given time interval." Fish, Wildlife and Parks merely recommends that trappers check their traps every 48 hours. FWP officials will tell you that the word "should" does not imply required. Also, FWP does not monitor trappers' activities at all – it's all a Good Ol' Boy agreement. This means all animals, even endangered species, linger in body-gripping traps or snares for an unknown period of time. While being trapped, these animals are exposed to extreme temperatures, predation, and most importantly, they suffer. Some animals chew through the limb caught in a leghold-trap, something trappers nonchalantly refer to as "wring off." Other animals are caught in snares and slowly suffocate. Water-set body-gripping traps slowly kill beavers who may struggle for up to 20 minutes before they drown. The most commonly used trap is the leghold trap, which the American Veterinary Medical Association depicts as inhumane.

There are three killing methods that the Trapper Education manual recommends. The first is shooting the animal in the head. The next is striking smaller animals (such as raccoons or foxes) at the base of the skull with a heavy wooden or metal tool to kill or render them unconscious. The third is placing your foot over the

heart and chest area and compressing these organs until the animal dies. Furbearing animals, in the trappers' language are reduced to "fur" as if the animal doesn't exist; they're killed to make money by ripping off their skins. This is what Joseph called ethical trapping.

As for the (known) incidents of dogs that have died in traps, here are just a few examples: Buddy, a black lab, suffocated in a trap. So did a former co-worker's German Shepard, this dog took an hour to suffocate in a trap. Tio, a Great Pyrenees, got caught in a leghold trap and was shot by a trapper who "got tired of trapping dogs." Most recently, a sweet dog named Cupcake died in a trap set near Rock Creek, a popular recreation area for families, hikers with dogs and anglers.

In response to Joseph's claim about a leash law for dogs: Unless the area is a special management area, there is NO leash law on public lands; therefore I don't break the law by hiking with my dog off-leash.

Next, Joseph said "Any public area that is open for trapping is clearly marked." This statement couldn't be further from the truth. The public has no chance to know where those traps are; efforts by Montana citizens in recent years to strengthen trapping regulations – including posting warning signs to let the public know about ongoing trapping activity – have been greatly ignored, due to the influence of the Montana Trappers

Association. Areas where traps are being set and that recreationists, such as skiers, use are increasingly overlapping, as evidenced by a last winter's incident when my friend's dog got caught in a snare along Lee Creek. Even hunting dogs are in danger of getting injured or dying in traps. I know of two hunters whose bird-hunting dogs got caught in snares set around an elk carcass. Both dogs were rescued at the last minute as they were suffocating.

I thought Joseph's claim that the meat of animals killed in traps is distributed to homeless shelters was interesting, so I followed up with a call to the Food Bank and the Poverello Center. I found out how much meat they receive from trappers – NONE. Neither place has ever heard of trappers offering meat from trapped animals. And, yes, hunters distribute meat to shelters, trappers don't. Trappers are takers, not givers.

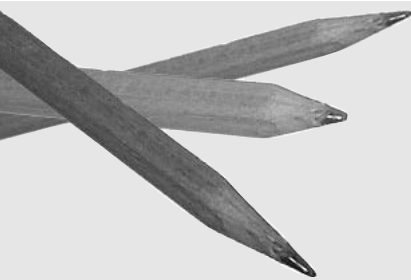
Finally, the claim that trapping is a Montana heritage doesn't mean that society should continue to tolerate this cruel anachronism. Slavery is part of our heritage – does Joseph suggest that we should have continued enslaving humans?

Next time, Joseph, don't just check your traps, check your facts, and don't let anyone use you to disseminate false information. Do your own research, that's what serious students do.

– Anja Heister  
Ph.D. student

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Corrections:

In Wednesday's issue of the Montana Kaimin Jim Lemcke did not say the only thing that will happen if an individual refuses a Breathalyzer test is a 90-day suspended license. He did say it is one punishment an individual could face. Someone who refuses a Breathalyzer may still be convicted of drunk driving, Lemcke said.

Wednesday's issue of the Montana Kaimin incorrectly stated the Know your Rights event will be held in the University Theatre, it will be held Tuesday in the University Center Theater on the third floor of the University Center.

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## Latin beat hits the courts



Kristine Paulsen/Montana Kaimin

Bryson Houx, senior finance major, and Sarah McIntyre, senior pharmacy major, practice a series of spins in their salsa dance class Thursday afternoon in Schreiber Gym.

## Montana earns 'F' for campaign disclosure

**Matt Gouras**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HELENA, Mont. — Montana again received the lowest grade in a survey on access to campaign disclosure information, but officials expect that will soon change as the state unveils a new Internet service.

A study released Wednesday found Montana ranked 47th in the nation for campaign disclosure, earning the state an "F." Montana is one of only two states that does not offer any online access to campaign data, such as donations made to candidates, the California Voter Foundation said.

Montana Commissioner of Political Practices Dennis Unsworth said he welcomed the study as he works toward a new searchable database expected to debut on the Internet in early 2008.

"I think this group in California does a good service. It's helpful for us, it reinforces where we ought to put our attention," Unsworth said.

The group noted Montana has a strong disclosure requirement law. But the state got dinged because the only way to review candidate donations is to go through paper files at the political practices office in Helena.

Since many of the filings are lengthy, it can be difficult to do a meaningful assessment of donations and expenditures.

The group gave Montana kudos for the ongoing effort to put the information in a searchable and downloadable Web site.

"Fortunately, the state is getting close to addressing this issue," the group wrote. "At present, the commissioner's office oversees an excellent program for making copies of paper-filed campaign reports accessible to the public."

Unsworth said a \$170,000 appropriation from the Legislature earlier this year is speeding work to complete the database.

Under the system, candidates will be able to file their donations and expenditures over the Internet. That information will become available to the public after the filing deadlines.

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## BIRTH CONTROL

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go unaffected by the law, but patients whose income is too great to qualify for it will face increased rates.

"In all our clinics, some of our patients do not qualify for the sliding-scale," said Stacey Anderson, director of public affairs for Planned Parenthood of Montana. "When you become a fully paying patient, you're going to lose that support."

Anderson said many of Missoula's 3,800 patients at the Planned Parenthood clinic will have to pay more.

Increases at Planned Parenthood-Missoula have not taken place yet because the clinic pre-bought large amounts before pharmaceutical companies increased the prices.

"We pre-bought a year's worth of birth control, but we're running out," Anderson said.

Since the price of dependable birth control methods increased,

many are using emergency contraception as an alternative.

"We're seeing nationwide an increased sale on emergency contraception," Anderson said.

Anderson said some campuses are unable to provide patients with any hormonal birth control methods and have stopped offering it completely.

"It needs to be fixed," Anderson said.

Along with petitioning, Students for Choice is working with ASUM and the Women's Center to gather support.

Diamant-Rink said ASUM plans on introducing a resolution to declare their support in the search for an amendment to the law.

Diamant-Rink said campus pharmacies offering affordable birth control is essential because so many students are on fixed incomes. "It's an issue that everyone can come together on," she said.

"Students shouldn't have to choose between buying groceries and buying birth control," Diamant-Rink said.

## ACCESS

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the sidewalk.

"(Facility Services) are going to inform the city to make the sidewalk more accessible," Koehn said.

Koehn said she could not take a guess as to when the repairs would be completed, saying that even the newly installed renovations to the International House itself suffered from a delay.

"They told us the house would take about three weeks and it took about three months," Koehn said.

## GRIZ GAMES THIS WEEK

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**10-21 vs. Portland State**

**1:00 PM**

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## Zombies hit Missoula



Spooky Halloween decorations adorn the lawn and front porch of a house on University Avenue.

Kristine Paulsen/Montana Kaimin

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# VooDoo Dolls cast spells at The Other Side

STORY BY MIKE GERRITY

PHOTOS BY KRISTA MILLER

As a curling iron runs through her hair, she sits rigid and focused. The clock pulls her closer to stage time, and she buries Elizabeth Hunter Riopel inside herself, allowing her alter ego to take hold. There's no softness in her eyes anymore.

"Jack's coming out," Riopel says.

Perched under the soft glow of a solitary spotlight, she drums her fingers against the arms of the plastic chair. Her black curls cascade in front of her face as a hive of dolled-up eyes and fish-net stockings buzz about the dressing room.

"Jack" is Riopel's stage persona as a member of the burlesque dancing troupe, VooDoo Dolls. The group was established in Missoula this fall as a tribute to the traditional strip-tease stage performances of the early 20th century, only dressed in modern pin-up girl fashion.

The girls hold regular performances every other Wednesday at their "Exotic, Erotic Wednesday" at The Other Side bar in Missoula.

Each dancer's on-stage persona is named after a brand of alcohol, according to VooDoo Doll dancer and group co-founder, Megan Fladwood.

"In essence, we get you fucked up," Fladwood says.

Fladwood, who co-founded the group alongside her husband, Jason Christ, says she wants to veer away from modern perceptions of stripping as much as possible.

"We're going back to the clean-cut version of what dancing is supposed to be," Fladwood says. "In 60 years it's evolved so much to where it's take off your clothes fast, spread your legs fast ... We're literally trying to take it back to where it was a tease and a show."

Their shows do, however, incorporate certain aspects associated with modern stripping. The stripper pole, for example, is a mainstay on their stage.

"We wanted to combine elements of the strip club to old dance techniques and cabaret," Fladwood says.

Fladwood and Christ started out doing work with fashion shows and go-go dancers in midtown Manhattan in New York for several months, but moved west to work in Seattle several years ago. Eventually, their exploits brought them to Missoula where they hope to headquarter a new burlesque empire.

"We've already developed a following," Christ says.

The dancing techniques of VooDoo Doll members, though risqué, leave a bit more to the imagination for the spectator than an average strip routine. For solo performances, a dancer will typically dance to the beats of two songs of their choice, and usually remain fully clothed

until the second song kicks in.

That is when the tops come off, but genitalia remains out of the public eye.

"Hypnotic," for instance, starts out in a full overcoat and black feather boa. As the first number fades out the dancer presses her hands against the wall and leans into the warmth of the green light, proceeding to pull the black coat off over her head, finishing her song clad only in a pair of black boy-shorts and the boa blanketed over her chest.

VooDoo Doll dancers earn tips throughout the night from patrons who watch their show.

For the dancers who are students, however, the revenue tends to be meager at best.

"SoCo," a senior at UM, says that in addition to a school schedule and another job, dancing has turned free time into a scarce commodity.

"Lately its been kinda stressful, but it's a lot of fun," SoCo said.

Riopel, a University of Montana sophomore, whose pre-occupation with dance has taken her through ballet, modern jazz and tap, says she got into burlesque following a back injury that stopped her from dancing for two years.

She found burlesque was easier on her back than other dance forms, but pole dancing, she says, requires much more strength of the body than it looks like.

"It is hard as bloody hell, but then again it's really fun," Riopel said.

Riopel compares the fetish-lingerie style that VooDoo Dolls employ to that of the soft-core pin-up website, Suicide Girls.

When they were trying out their burlesque routine for the first time, she said that the crowd's mindset was still stuck in a stripper sort of vibe.

The girls stripped with a latex patch covering their nipples the first time around, and the audience was not amused.

"The applause completely died down," Riopel said.

As much as she enjoys dancing burlesque, she says that she has been branded with stereotypes more than she cares to be.

"Being a sexual, erotic type of dancer, you see people's true colors," Riopel said. "I'll meet people who knew me before I was a dancer, and (after they know) I'm immediately judged and everything they say is weighed on their expectations and it's really goddamn annoying."

The most horrendous judgment of all, she says, is when people make assumptions about her promiscuity.

"The worst one is people think I'm easy," Riopel said. "It just means I'm vain."



SoCo, left, and Riopel apply make-up and prepare for the show. Traditionally, burlesque performances feature provocative and colorful costumes.



Joining the VooDoo Dolls is the first topless dancing experience for UM senior "SoCo", short for Southern Comfort. Her boyfriend, who lives in Idaho, came to the first show three weeks ago and seems to be OK with the idea, she said.





A VooDoo Dolls burlesque dancer, who goes by the stage name Bailey, waits backstage as her friend Melody Smith applies her make-up. The dancing is part of "Exotic, Erotic Wednesdays" hosted every other Wednesday at The Other Side in Missoula.



UM sophomore Elizabeth Riopel, also known as "Jack", changes into her costume for the opening act. Every dancer wears fishnet stockings during the show.



Megan Fladwood and her husband, Jason Christ, started the VooDoo Dolls this fall, passing out more than 1,000 flyers used for advertising and recruiting. Fladwood said the show is not about stripping, and believes that there is a difference between topless dancing and stripping.



The dancers prepare backstage for the show. The VooDoo dolls are only paid in tips, and many work other jobs or go to school.



# Lake Missoula’s history still a mystery

**Trevon Milliard**  
MONTANA KAIMIN

Parallel horizontal lines scar Mount Sentinel like rings in a bathtub.

These bath rings are the shorelines of a lake that drowned Missoula about 18,000 years ago during an ice age, said Larry Smith, a geologist from the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology.

Smith gave a speech in the University of Montana’s Underground Lecture Hall Wednesday night describing Glacial Lake Missoula.

A glacier extending from the Canadian Rockies dammed the Clark Fork River, and the water accumulated over years and

years to a depth of about 2,000 feet to form Glacial Lake Missoula. The top of Mount Sentinel was a small island.

“We’d be at the bottom of it right now,” Smith said.

The lake was not stable, Smith explained, and when the ice dam broke, a catastrophic flood spewed 800 cubic miles of water toward Idaho.

“Anytime you get glaciers blocking a river, you get a lake,” Smith said. “And anytime you get a lake it’s going to break.”

Smith and other scientists speculate that Lake Missoula filled repeatedly.

The flood 18,000 years ago is only the most recent, Smith said. Though the number of times Lake Missoula filled is unclear,

Smith said, geologic evidence proves the floods were immense and the damage carved the landscape all the way to Washington’s coast.

Missoula Valley represented only an arm of the lake that was as big as Lakes Erie and Ontario combined.

“That’s a lot of water,” Smith said, “especially when you drain it very quickly.”

The floods ripped west, tearing apart the soil along the same path Interstate 90 takes today, eventually reaching the Columbia River Gorge to the coast. It may have taken anywhere from two days to two weeks for all the floodwater to dissipate. During that time, the damage was extensive along the 500-mile path.

The Camas Prairie northwest of Missoula still displays ripple marks caused by floodwaters rushing by at 50 mph, Smith said.

Ordinarily, these ripple marks can be seen at sandy beaches or riverbanks and are about the size of Hot Wheels toy cars. But ripples at Camas Prairie measure as large as double-decker buses and are sometimes 30 feet high.

When the flood cut through the Clark Fork River Valley, it left features similar to those seen along rivers today like gravel bars. But these gravel bars are hundreds of feet wide and high above the valley floor, Smith said.

Eastern Washington’s landscape shows where the flood ripped apart the topsoil and car-

ried away boulders.

“It looks like pieces of earth were plucked out vertically like you would a scab,” Smith said. “Only high-velocity water could cause something like that.”

Though flood evidence is extensive, the number and historical dates of the floods still puzzles scientists, Smith said.

It’s hard to date the soil because no animals or plants lived back then, the geologist said.

“It was dry, dusty and cold,” Smith said.

Research on Glacial Lake Missoula is no way complete, he said.

“There’s plenty of thesis work to be done for UM graduate students,” Smith said.

# Turkish parliament approves possible attack on Iraq

**Christopher Torchia**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Parliament authorized the government Wednesday to send troops into northern Iraq to root out Kurdish rebels who’ve been conducting raids into Turkey. The vote removed the last legal obstacle to an offensive, but there was no sign of imminent action as the United States urged

restraint.

Turkish leaders, under pressure from Washington and Baghdad, have signaled they would not immediately give the order to send in 60,000 soldiers, armor and attack helicopters into a region that has largely escaped the chaos of the Iraq war.

The crisis along the border, where the Turkish troops have massed since summer, has driven up oil prices along with tensions between Turkey and its longtime

NATO ally, the United States.

President Bush said the U.S. was making clear to Turkey that it should not stage a major army operation in the Iraqi north, much of which has escaped the sustained violence and political discord common in the rest of Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003.

Bush said Turkey has had troops stationed in northern Iraq “for quite a while,” a reference to about 1,500 soldiers deployed for years to monitor the rebel Kurdistan Workers’ Party, or PKK, with the permission of Iraqi Kurd authorities.

“We don’t think it’s in their interest to send more troops in,” he said.

While they now have the authority to strike at PKK bases used to stage attacks in Turkey, the country’s leaders appear to be holding back in hopes the threat of an incursion will prod Iraq and the U.S. to move against the guerrillas.

The Turkish military, which had little success when it last carried out a major incursion into Iraq a decade ago with 50,000 soldiers, estimates 3,800 Turkish Kurd guerrillas operate from Iraq territory and 2,300 are inside Turkey.

As Parliament voted 507-19 to approve military operations against PKK fighters in northern Iraq over the next year, Turkey’s government moved to explain its decision to its Arab neighbors, sending Foreign Minister Ali Babacan to both Egypt and Lebanon.

Oil prices surged briefly to a

record \$89 a barrel after the vote. Traders worry that any escalation in the conflict will cut oil supplies from northern Iraq.

Hours before the vote, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki called his Turkish counterpart, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, to say Iraq’s government was determined to halt “terrorist activities” of the PKK on Iraqi territory, his office said.

A close aide to al-Maliki said later that the two leaders agreed the Iraqis should deal with PKK fighters based inside Iraq and the Turks would take care of guerrillas operating in Turkish territory.

But Erdogan warned that Iraq must rein in the guerrillas, the aide said. “If you don’t solve the problem now, we will have no choice but to pursue the PKK inside Iraq,” he quoted the Turkish leader as saying.

The aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn’t authorized to discuss the confidential conversation, added that there would be no joint operations involving Iraqi and Turkish troops. He said Iraq would not agree to more Turkish soldiers entering its territory.

Erdogan had suggested that Turkey, Iraq and the U.S. conduct a joint campaign against the PKK. But U.S. and Iraqi troops are hard pressed elsewhere, and Iraqi Kurds are reluctant to fight their ethnic brethren from Turkey.

A Kurdish lawmaker in Iraq warned an incursion would threaten the relative stability of the autonomous Kurdish region in the north and called on Turkey

to deal with the issue “in a peaceful way.”

Adnan al-Mufti, speaker of the regional parliament, also said he believed Turkey had ulterior motives aimed at upsetting the success of the Kurdish region in Iraq because it fears separatist sentiment within its own borders.

PKK fighters operating from bases in the mountains of northern Iraq periodically cross the border to stage attacks in their war to win autonomy for Turkey’s predominantly Kurdish southeast. More than 30,000 people have died in fighting that began in 1984.

The authorization for an offensive inside Iraq had the backing of all of Turkey’s parliamentary parties except a small Kurdish party. A single lawmaker from the opposition Republican People’s Party voted against it.

“I am concerned that Turkey could be dragged into an Iraqi quagmire,” said the lawmaker, Esref Erdem.

Turkish leaders have said publicly that they would prefer a solution to the guerrilla problem that avoids a cross-border offensive, but Erdogan has warned that Turkey will take whatever steps it must to defeat the PKK.

“What’s important is the parliament’s decision, not what people say,” Erdogan said.

Public anger is high in Turkey over a recent spate of guerrilla attacks in the southeast as well as a perception that the United States has failed to back Turkey in its fight with the PKK, even though Washington lists the movement as a terrorist group.



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## Emergency Communications Test Scheduled

Technology Support Services and The Office of Public Safety are working together to improve the safety of The University of Montana community.

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The e-mail system is one of several overlapping communication strategies that could be employed if notification of an emergency is required. Advertisements of further testing will be publicized.



## Volleyball hopes for home court wins

**Jake Grilley**  
MONTANA KAIMIN

University of Montana volleyball head coach Jerry Wagner expects an “electric atmosphere” inside the West Auxiliary Gym when the Grizzlies begin the second half of their Big Sky Conference schedule against Northern Arizona tonight.

With several groups of high school volleyball teams slated to be in attendance, Wagner anticipates one of the largest crowds of the season.

The crowd will be in Montana’s favor as the team attempts to rebound from a 3-5 first half that saw the team suffer three heart-breaking five-game losses.

Wagner thinks his team’s record on paper doesn’t show how well they played during the first half.

“Something I am proud of is we put ourselves in the position to just as easily be 6-2 as 3-5,” he said. “Maybe I should be more upset than I am, but I can’t be with this group because all of the right intentions are there and the will is there.”

Wagner is looking at his team’s record optimistically.

“We are looking at the glass as pretty full,” he said. “We are consistently going to five games because we are playing well. We are giving ourselves a chance in every game.”

Junior outside hitter and middle blocker Lauren Gustafson thinks her team can recover from the slow start.

“It is just a short little quick stumble,” she said. “We will get back up and be ready to go.”

The Grizzlies are currently tied with NAU for seventh in the Big Sky.

“Northern Arizona is next up and it is a key match in changing some positioning with the teams in the middle,” Wagner said.

Wagner thinks with a few wins his team can make its way past what he called a “log jam” of teams in the middle of the Big Sky Conference standings.

“With so much of the season left, the whole second half, you control your own destiny,” Wagner said.

Gustafson thinks her team needs to take the energy they build to come back and apply it to the entire match.

“We can find the momentum somewhere in the middle of the match and take it to five,” Gustafson said. “We are doing well and pushing through. Only now we need to put it in the game plan.”

Montana hopes to benefit from a favorable home-to-away match ratio during the second half. The

Griz have five of their remaining eight matches in Missoula.

Wagner said his team can’t rely on their friendly schedule alone.

“We have to take care of each one of these opponents independently and put teams behind us,” he said. “We need to get some wins. And that only happens if we

stay firmly wrapped around what we need to do.”

The Griz continue their home stand when they host Northern Colorado Saturday night.

Wagner isn’t looking ahead to Saturday’s match.

“We need to firmly get locked in on Northern Arizona,” Wagner said. “That’s what’s in front of us.”

Wagner said his team needs to focus on getting wins in the wide-open Big Sky Conference.

“There is plenty left in the tank,” he said. “We can’t look ahead and say once we have a certain record we will be OK again.”

Montana plays Northern Arizona 7 p.m. tonight in the West Auxiliary Gym. The Grizzlies home stand continues 7 p.m. Saturday against Northern Colorado.

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**Jerry Wagner**  
UM volleyball head coach



Krista Miller/Montana Kaimin

Freshman Paige Nash warms up during practice Wednesday afternoon as the Griz prepare to host Northern Arizona Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the West Auxiliary Gym. The Griz and NAU are currently tied for sixth place in the Big Sky Conference.

## Chaw in baseball: battling tradition for health

In 1948, Babe Ruth died from oral cancer.

The nicknames are countless. Ruth went as the “The Sultan of Swat,” “The Bambino,” “The Colossus of Clout.” He went as the greatest player to ever live.

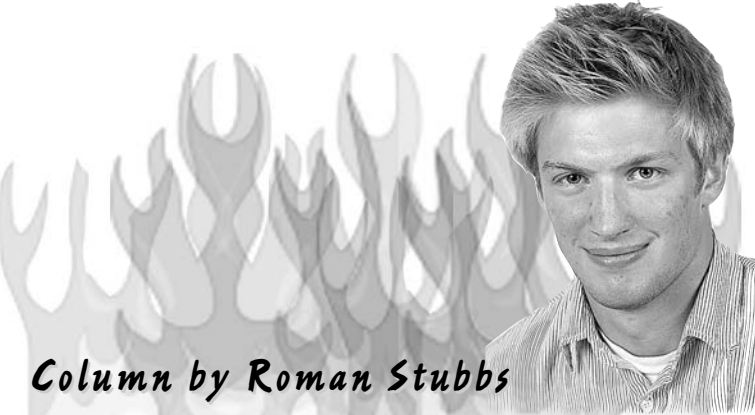
But he could’ve also been remembered as “The Big Dipper,” for all the wrong reasons. For Ruth, chewing tobacco will never end his legacy. But it did end his life.

Baseball has a lot of problems. But steroids and salary caps don’t present the game with the kind of dilemma chewing tobacco does. There’s too much history behind chaw and baseball.

When baseball was introduced in the United States in 1845, the country embraced dry tobacco for practical reasons. The game was often played on dusty landscapes, which led players to chew to moisten their mouths. Already popular in baseball’s infant history, spit tobacco proliferated in the early 1900s, when in 1902, pitchers in the minor leagues began experimenting with lathering baseballs with chew saliva, giving the pitch sharp curve. The revolutionary spitball was later banned in 1920, but in large part, became the foundation for breaking pitches in baseball’s future.

In 1910, the American Tobacco Company introduced baseball

### ROMAN IS BURNING



*Column by Roman Stubbs*

cards in its products, heightening the commercial polish of American baseball and its relationship with tobacco. Baseball and spit never looked back. The infamous Ty Cobb was famously known to not only chew Nerve Navy Cut extensively, but he also doused his bat with the juice of the tobacco leaf, acting as old-school pine tar. Ruth dipped his Bull Durham chew in rum. Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams were in tobacco magazine ads. Tobacco companies sent free samples to clubs throughout the ’70s and ’80s. Chewing became woven into baseball’s fabric, but it also set a cultural tone visible in today’s game. Today, an astounding 40 percent of the Major League’s players use spitless tobacco.

The MLB predicament, however, is tobacco’s influence on youth. In 1985, “Big League Chew” was introduced as a popular gum, geared to capitalize off America’s youth obsession over Major League stars using Copenhagen. While some saw this as a positive push for kids to chew gum rather than dip, the symbolism of young players running down the first base line with a wad in their cheek emulating their major league heroes signifies the image of chaw in baseball.

As the national pastime, baseball is truly the game for all time. Its ritualistic nature transcends this country like no other sport ever will. And snuff is engrained in baseball. That will never change. Players want to connect

with the game the way the greats did; they want to taste what Ruth tasted when he called his shot. They want to spit their wad like Fisk did before his walk-off homer went fair. This history, however, is very dangerous leverage for influencing the youth baseball generation.

The MLB has acted. The league offers educational classes on chew, as well as screening for players. In 1993, the league banned smokeless tobacco from the minor leagues, and aligned with the American Dental Association to promote the harmful nature of smokeless tobacco in baseball. The league has also banned its teams from sponsoring free samples or any other tobacco products in clubhouses. But chewing at the major league level hinges as a personal decision, with banishment coming only if the players’ union gives its collective agreement.

There is also a growing culture of former big leaguers that religiously dipped. Bill Tuttle, who played for the Detroit Tigers in the ’70s, was a testament to the afterlife of dipping in the majors; Tuttle toured much of the country, with only half of his face remaining after tumor removals, advocating for the ban of spit tobacco in the MLB. He died of oral cancer at the age of 69.

Tradition in baseball is sacred. Taking dip out of the culture of the sport, in many ways, is a drastic move against the spiritual nature of the game. It could very well be likened to taking the pinstripes off the Yankees, the peanuts out of Ebbets, or stripping the vines off Wrigley.

That’s not to say tradition in the sport can’t be revised. When chewing died down in baseball during the ’60s, most players smoked. When the early ’70s exposed a national awareness movement on the dangers of smoking, a majority of the league turned back to dip. This season has also raised questions of alcohol’s place in the game. Over time, images of Mickey Mantle having a brewski while talking to reporters after games has resonated as a part of the historical clubhouse climate; the Brewers organization and the stature of sponsored venues such as Coors Field have illustrated the enduring role of alcohol in baseball. But when St. Louis pitcher Josh Hancock died while driving drunkenly after a game this spring, several clubs, including the Brewers and Yankees, banned liquor in the clubhouse.

In 1977, Sports Illustrated published an in-depth feature entitled “Chaws,” featuring quotes from

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# Shifts in the Big Sky

Amber Kuehn  
MONTANA KAIMIN

Move over, Kroy Biermann. Another Montana football player is in the hunt for the Buck Buchanan Award.

Montana State linebacker Bobby Daly was named to the Buck Buchanan Award watch list, which was announced Tuesday by the Sports Network. Daly leads the Big Sky Conference in tackles and is tied for fourth in the nation in total tackles with 72. His 38 solo tackles are also ranked fourth in the nation.

The 6-foot-1, 215-pound junior is part of a Bobcat defense that is only allowing 18 points against Football Championship Subdivision opponents. He has eight tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks this season.

Three names were recently added to the list of 13 that was announced in August. The list will be revised once more before the final ballot is released at the end of the season. The winner will be chosen Dec. 13 in Chattanooga, Tenn. at the same time the Walter Payton Award is given.

Biermann and Daly are the only Big Sky athletes on the watch list.



## Wildcats get first shutout since 1980

Weber State's 23-0 win over Northern Colorado on Saturday marked the first shutout the team has had over a Big Sky opponent in 27 years.

The last time the Wildcats held a conference foe scoreless was a 10-0 victory over Nevada in 1980.

It was only Weber State's third shutout ever over a league opponent.

The shutout, which came on the road, was the first away-game shutout for the Wildcats in 41

years. The last came at Montana, when Weber State beat the Griz 28-0 in Missoula.

The Wildcats are Big Sky leaders in scoring defense, pass defense and total defense.

## McBride hits century milestone

The Weber State win on Saturday also gave head coach Ron McBride his 100th career coaching victory. He has 12 wins at Weber and had 88 in a 13-year stint at Utah from 1990-2002. He is the second winningest collegiate coach in the state of Utah.

## Souers in seventh

Northern Arizona head coach Jerome Souers moved into a tie for seventh on the Big Sky's all-time win list as the Wildcats earned him his 53rd career victory. A win this weekend over Weber State will move the NAU leader into a tie for sixth place.

# Trial date set for Demetrius Williams in cocaine case

(AP) – Demetrius Williams, a former Montana State University football player charged with running a cocaine distribution ring in Bozeman, is scheduled to go to trial here on Dec. 10.

The deadline for any plea agreements is Nov. 29.

Williams, 24, was arrested in Sacramento, Calif., on Sept. 11. He is charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and distribution of cocaine.

Prosecutors say Williams was the leader of a drug ring that brought nearly 26 pounds of

cocaine to Montana between June 2005 and May 2007.

Numerous lower-level players have pleaded guilty in the conspiracy, including former MSU wide receiver Richard Gatewood. Gatewood pleaded guilty on Oct. 11 in federal court in Missoula and his sentencing was scheduled for Feb. 7.

Williams played football at MSU during the fall of 2003 after transferring from Contra Costa Community College. Gatewood, who also transferred from Contra Costa, played for MSU in 2004 and 2005.

# Penn State player pleads not guilty

AP — Suspended Penn State tailback Austin Scott pleaded not guilty Wednesday and was ordered to stand trial on felony rape and sexual-assault charges.

At a preliminary hearing, Judge Daniel Hoffman also upheld several misdemeanor charges. Prosecutors withdrew two felony charges of aggravated indecent assault against the 22-year-old Scott because of a lack of evidence.

Scott, of Allentown, has called the encounter consensual.

The accuser, a fellow Penn State student, testified that she and Scott had met once before and had been text messaging each other before getting together at a bar. The rape allegedly occurred in the early morning hours on Oct. 5 at Scott's on-campus apartment.

Scott was suspended from the team on Oct. 5, and charged last week. Defense lawyer John Karoly said Scott will remain in school while he fights the charges.



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## CHAW

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"Chaws," featuring quotes from 102 players on the celebration of chew in baseball. One player said, "Tobacco gives your teeth protection on plays at home plate," while another added, "In my day, and I'm talking about 1952 to 1960, to be a big-leaguer you had

to chew."

Simply enough, these quotes attest to the historical attitude of chew in the MLB, as well as haunt advocates to rid the sport of the practice.

Manny Ramirez is one of the game's best players today. As much as Ramirez's trademark swing, as much of his power to put any low-and-away pitch off the green monster in right, his signature is his left cheek, molded

with fresh Copenhagen. So much so that maybe his Cooperstown bust will carry his giant smile, with his classic dreadlocks hanging, and a bronze pouch in the cheek, preserved in time.

The bust would represent baseball's stark reality: deep tradition at the expense of health. A can of worms is eventually opened.

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Autumn blur



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Autumn leaves rest on the mounds at the Mansfield Mall as a student passes by Wednesday afternoon. After last weekend’s sunshine, the forecast shows a few rain showers for rest of the week.

Frenchtown High bans cell phones

AP – Frenchtown High School is banning cell phones after officials caught students recording a fight with a camera phone. Principal Rory Weishaar says the video was then shared among other students – in his mind glorifying inappropriate behavior.

Weishaar says he found it “reprehensible” that students were recording the fight instead of trying to stop it. He says students have also used cell phones to send harassing text messages and cheat on school-work.

Beginning next Monday, Frenchtown High School students may not carry cell phones during the school day, but they can put them in their lockers and check for important messages from parents between classes.

ORU president announces leave

AP – Oral Roberts University President Richard Roberts asked for and was granted a leave of absence Wednesday amid accusations of lavish spending at donors’ expense and illegal involvement in a political campaign. The 58-year-old son of the evangelist who founded the school said he would continue in his role as chairman and chief executive of Oral Roberts Ministries, and decried what he said were untrue allegations. “I don’t know how long this leave of absence will last, but I fully trust the members of the Board of Regents,” Roberts said in a news release issued by the university. “I pray and believe that in God’s timing, and when the Board feels that it is appropriate, I will be back at my post as president.” The board said Billy Joe Daugherty, the senior pastor of Victory Christian Center in Tulsa, Okla., will temporarily assume the president’s duties with help from Oral Roberts, 89, who is chancellor of the 5,700-student university but has left day-to-day operations to his son.

An Oct. 2 lawsuit filed by three former ORU professors says they were wrongfully dismissed and accuses Roberts of misspending at donors’ expense, including numerous home remodels and a senior trip to the Bahamas for one daughter on the ministry’s dime. It also accuses Roberts of illegal involvement in a local political campaign, which would jeopardize the university’s nonprofit status. The professors say they were forced out after turning over this information to the ORU Board of Regents. George Pearsons, the Board’s chairman, said he will meet Friday with the outside firm charged with investigating the allegations. “Nothing is being swept under the rug, nothing is being hidden,” he said late Wednesday. The professors’ suit was amended last week to include new allegations that documents were shredded and destroyed days after the initial lawsuit was filed, and hours after ORU and Richard Roberts fired the school’s comptroller.

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vote, explaining that it is the only way to prevent older generations from taking advantage of young people.

“I think it’s important for young people to get involved,” he said. “You’ll be paying for my Social Security, my discounts. You can lay those things on the backs of young people.”

Because of the lack of participation by college-age individuals, successful presidential candidates do not feel pressured to speak at colleges and universities, Reagan said.

“When you start to see a candidate doing all their speeches at college campuses you know their campaigns are going nowhere ‘cause the people they’re talking to won’t vote,” he said.

Reagan then discussed the usefulness of new media in presidential campaigns, particularly the Ron Paul campaign that

leans heavily on the Internet to get its message out. The use of these mediums is successful in recruiting young voters, but in traditional early primary and caucus states, it will not be very effective in changing the outcome, he said.

“In Iowa they don’t care about YouTube, they are about how many times they have met you, how many times they have had coffee with you,” he said. “In New Hampshire they care whether or not you ate at the right restaurant.”

Reagan is now a syndicated talk show host; his program is called “The Michael Reagan Show.”

ASUM Sen. Allie Harrison helped coordinate the event Reagan spoke at last night. ASUM President Dustin Leftridge asked Harrison if he would talk to the senate, not expecting it to actually happen.

“It was kind of an off-handed comment,” Leftridge said.

ASUM also discussed a memorandum of understanding between the Senate and the

University administration at the meeting, solidifying the connection between the vice president of student affairs, Teresa Branch, and the non-student employees in ASUM and its agencies.

The memorandum had been signed before the meeting, but due to the depth of the change, was brought to the Senate for discussion. There was an initial fear that the agreement would cause ASUM to lose autonomy, Leftridge said.

However, Leftridge maintained that administration would not interfere in ASUM procedures or decisions.

The only exception is in “unusual or crisis situations,” when University President George Dennison would have the right to step in and make a change. Previously it was possible for this to happen, but, before the memorandum, the parameters were not outlined.

“The president has the right to step in and kind of tell us ‘no,’” Leftridge said. “He doesn’t do that for obvious reasons.”

Brazil shantytown raid leaves 12 dead

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RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil – Hundreds of police agents swooped in on drug gangs in two Rio de Janeiro shantytowns on Wednesday, setting off gunbattles that killed 12 people, including an officer and a 4-year-old boy, officials said.

About 400 police officers, including members of elite units, entered the sprawling Coreia and Senador Camara slums to search for weapons and serve arrest warrants, said a police spokesman who declined to be identified according to department policy.

Intense gunfire broke out between police and alleged drug members as authorities staged the raid in broad daylight. Television news footage showed a police helicopter flying over the area and people running for cover as agents opened fire from atop a hill. One woman sought shelter from the hail of bullets by cowering behind a concrete wall, clutching a child.

Eleven suspected gang members were arrested, and police seized a machine gun, rifles, pistols, grenades, ammunition, cocaine and marijuana, according to Globo TV’s G1 Web site. Police said 10 of the dead were

drug traffickers. An officer also died.

The boy, Jorge Kaua Silva Lacerda, was caught in the cross-fire and died when a bullet entered his heart, police said. It was not immediately clear who fired the shot that killed him.

Three more officers and two alleged traffickers were wounded in the raid.

Rio Gov. Sergio Cabral praised the raid in an interview with CBN radio, saying the drug gangs target innocents and blame police.

“The security secretariat has carte blanche to act against traffickers,” Cabral said.

But human rights groups accuse Rio’s police forces of widespread corruption and violence, and say they routinely justify killing civilians by alleging they were gang members resisting arrest.

Wednesday’s operation was the bloodiest since police killed 19 alleged traffickers in the Alemao slum in May.

Rio is one of the world’s most violent cities, with an annual homicide rate of about 50 killed per 100,000 inhabitants. Most of the killings take place in the city’s shantytowns, which aer often controlled by heavily armed gangs.

Associated Press Writer Alan Clendenning contributed from



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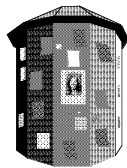
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